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CALIFORNIA DISCLOSURE ASSISTANCE AND PARTNER SERVICES/PARTNER COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICES

What we do: The California Disclosure Assistance and Partner Services/Partner Counseling and Referral Services (CDAPS/PCRS) Program operates through trained CDAPS/PCRS counselors/providers who help HIV-positive clients learn a variety of options to disclose their HIV status to their partners. Counselors/providers also teach clients how to encourage their partners to seek HIV counseling, testing, and related services that will help them reduce their risk of transmitting/contracting HIV.

Who we serve: People living with HIV and their partners.

What we have done: At the State level, CDAPS/PCRS is a coordination and collaboration between the Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (DHS/OA) and the DHS Division of Communicable Disease Control, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch. At the local level, CDAPS/PCRS occurs in venues where HIV-positive clients receive community, social, medical, and mental health services. Given the wide range of programs and interventions that are delivered in California, local health jurisdictions (LHJs) are encouraged to prioritize the delivery of CDAPS/PCRS in places where staff training and technical assistance are most easily available.

To support implementation of CDAPS/PCRS activities into all 61 LHJs in California, CDAPS/PCRS utilizes a regional capacity building approach that strategically places CDAPS/PCRS staff in areas of increased HIV morbidity.

While the specific approach for implementation of CDAPS/PCRS varies from region to region and across LHJs local programs, CDAPS/PCRS has been instrumental in assisting LHJs in the development, implementation, and expansion of CDAPS/PCRS activities into a variety of HIV prevention and care services.

Helpful resources:

- For more information on CDAPS/PCRS contact, the DHS STD Control Branch, CDAPS Unit Supervisor at (510) 620-3182.
- For access to the HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services, Standards, and Recommendations see Website, www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Counseling/PCRS/pdf/pcrsguidelinesall012605.pdf.
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call: *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD).
- *National AIDS Hotline* at (800) 342-AIDS (English), (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish), or (800) 243-7889 (TDD).
- For information on OA's mission, OA's programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.

